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Submitter Information

General Comment

I live in the town of Thurston, NY. I am writing in regards to the Leo Dickson and Son Inc. also known as Dickson Environmental, involving their disposal of industrial sludge and raw sewage. We are one of the many little towns surrounded by Dicksons' seventeen thousand acres where they apply millions of gallons of their sludge during the spring, summer and fall. It gets so unbearable from the odor that you can't even go outside, have windows open or even enjoy a cook out. It just makes you nauseous.

The land here has a slope and where they apply the sludge it runs directly in all the streams and creeks, polluting our water and air. We too have tried to get some control over this increasing problem but to no avail. NY DEC doesn't seem to enforce or oversee the millions of gallons of this waste being applied to the land. I couldn't even get them to do a water sample of the creeks which are now all brown and foamy. We were told they didn't have the funding. I would like to see some answers on a federal level and have this investigated as the assault on our environment gets worse every year. If you need to contact me you may reach me via telephone at 607-776-4397. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Helen Stephens